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Memorandum for the Record: VDH&T Meeting, 22 July 1983

1. The undersigned and Bob Collins, NBPO, met with VDH&T representatives at the Fairfax Regional Office. Present from VDH&T were:

Bill Jeffrey, Richmond
Dave Gehr, Northern Virginia Region
Jim Harris, Richmond
Mr. Bozman, Richmond

2. The meeting was called by the Richmond representatives to seek confirmation of some of the traffic planning data contained in the Master Plan and to discuss the direction being taken on the new traffic analysis.

3. They confirmed that the study was addressing the GW Parkway out to Rt. 495. Their preliminary results are confirming that the Parkway is operating at capacity Northbound. Secondary constraints are the North and South bound ramps at Rt. 495 which they feel are also operating at capacity.

4. In the case of Rt. 193, they stated that this analysis was confirming every other analysis they have done, i.e., this road has to become four-lane to relieve traffic congestion. They appear to be resigned to the fact that citizen resistance will continue to prevent this from happening.

5. Their conclusion then is the same as the previous Agency analysis. Rt. 123 will necessarily continue to carry the major portion of the Agency traffic and intersection improvements will be required. They did not put forth any preconceived notions of what the consultant may propose.

6. On the subject of a consultant selection, Mr. Harris stated that the name of a recommended firm had been sent up to their management for approval. Projections are that fee negotiations will commence in mid-August with contract award in early September. While they were unable to provide a more accurate cost estimate for this contract, Mr. Harris stated that adding the Parkway to the scope of work will probably increase cost by 25%.

7. On the subject of the Traffic Advisory Committee, it was agreed that VDH&T would provide a copy of the planning assumptions being used in their analysis. The Agency will distribute copies of these to Committee members in early August for review and comment. No meeting is contemplated at that time.

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Sometime in the latter part of August the first formal meeting would be called to present the results of the traffic analysis. This meeting would be attended by a consultant representative, even if negotiations with the State were not complete.

8. It was suggested that the traffic analysis also include a "no build" analysis as an aid to educating the citizens on the true impact of Agency expansion versus the traffic impacts projected to occur due to normal economic growth.



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